Diuine Sea-ſeruice:

CONTAINING

SVNDRY NECESSARY AND VSEFVLL FORMES OF PRAYER AND THANKS-GIVING FOR THE HELPE OF SVCH AS TRAVAILE BY SEA, FITTED TO THEIR SEVERALL *NECESSITIES.*

By SAMVEL PAGE Dr in Diuinitie.

I. THES. 5. 17. 18.

Pray continually.

In all things giue thankes, for this is the will of God, in Chriſt Ieſus toward you.

Bib 1090 O

LONDON,
Printed by *Nicholas Okes* for *Simon Waterſon*, and are to bee ſold at his ſhop in *Pauls* Church-yard at the ſigne of the Crowne. 1616.

1909 D

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFVLL THE Maſter, Wardens, and Aſsiſtants, *and the whole Societie of the Bre-*thren of the Trinitie-houſe, of Saint CLEMENTS in Dept-*ford-Strand.*

Right Worſhipfull and Worthy,

BEcauſe I finde not, that any man hath of purpoſe endeuoured to helpe the deuotion of the Sea-men, with fitting formes of Prayer and thanks-giuing, applied to their ſeuerall occaſions, I haue addreſſed theſe meditations to your vſe, and the vſe of your Com-

Companies at Sea. If doe not herein preiudice the holy libertie of such as are able without these directions, to powre forth their hearts before God, to vse their owne formes, but to giue helpe to such as cannot, beseeching you to recommend these to such, and beseeching Gods Amen *to yours, and their deuotions: And to this you shall euer haue the* Amen *of your euer-louing and thankefull friend,*

Samuel Page.

Deptford May 1.
1616.

19090

Diuine Sea-ſeruice,

*Containing ſundry neceſſary and vſe-*full formes of prayer and thankes-giuing, for *the helpe of all ſuch as trauaile by ſea, fitted to their ſeuerall neceſſities.*

A forme of Prayer to be vſed in our owne land for all our brethren at Sea.

ALmightie God, whoſe eye beholdeth all things in heauen and in earth, and whoſe gracious prouidence keepeth an eternall watch ouer thy ſeruants, ſo that the Sun ſhall not hurt them by day, nor the Moone by night: wee thy humble and vnworthy ſeruants confeſſe and acknowledge, to thy glory, that wee enioy many fruits of thy

mercifull fauour, which many of thy deere children doe want: Wee humbly recommend to thy fauour and protection, all thoſe that are for a time depriued of that fulneſſe of temporall bleſſings which wee poſſeſſe; eſpecially we pray thee for all our brethren, that trauaile vpon the ſeas in their lawfull vocation: giue them the feare of thy name, the loue of thy mercie, peace in their conſciences, ſafety in their ſhips, health in their perſons, mutuall loue amongſt themſelues, obedience to their Gouernours, contentment with their prouiſions, defence againſt all dangers, ſucceſſe in their buſineſſe, and ſafe returne to their owne land, that wee may all ioyne together in the praiſe of thy name, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

Amen.

1909 D

A forme of Prayer to be vſed at the ſetting forth of any ſhippes in any voyage to Sea.

ALmightie God and moſt mercifull Father, who haſt diſpoſed vs thy ſeruants in ſundry callings in this world, wherein thou haſt appointed vs to labour honeſtly for our liuings, wee humbly beſeech thee for thy bleſſing vpon this our voyage: wee commend the care of our bodies and ſoules into thy hands, receiue vs, wee pray thee, into thy protection, keepe vs in thy faith and feare, defend vs from the danger of ſinne and Sathan, preſerue our perſons in health and ſafety, and keepe the goods committed to vs from the hand of the enemie, from the fraud of the deceitfull man, from the violence of fire and water, and from all other euils: goe thou forth with vs, and accompany vs all the way, crowne our honeſt labours with good ſucceſſe, and ſafe returne, that wee may tell the people, what things thou haſt done for vs, and praiſe thy name in the great Congregation, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

AMEN.

A Prayer to be vſed at Sea for our owne Land.

GRacious God, by whoſe prouidence we are now ſhipt for a ſtrange land, we thy poore children doe beſeech thee to bleſſe our owne Lands, and therein we pray thee for our gracious ſoueraigne Lord king *Iames*, Queene *Anne*, Prince *Charles*, the Prince Elector *Palatine*, and the Lady *Elizabeth* his wife, and their iſſue: bleſſe the whole Councell of ſtate, the Clergie, Nobilitie, Magiſtracie, and Commons thereof: maintaine amongſt them the free paſſage of thy Ghoſpell, giue, and continue to them ſincere religion, peace, plenty, health, proſperitie, and honour, defend them from ſecret conſpiracies, domeſticall contentions, ſchiſmaticall and hereticall corruptions, and keepe them all in the vnitie of thy ſpirit, and in the bond of peace, and loue, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

Amen.

19090

A Morning Prayer.

MErcifull father, by whoſe watchfull care wee haue beene preſerued this night from all dangers, in quiet and comfortable reſt: we beſeech thee to keepe vs alſo this day in thy feare and fauour, ſanctifie vs by thy good ſpirit, that neither in thought, word, nor deed we may diſpleaſe thee: enable vs to do the buſineſſes of our calling, and bleſſe we pray thee, all our labors therin, make vs more ſenſible of thy good fauours, more ſorrowfull for our ſinnes, more thankfull for all thy mercies, more patient in all our afflictions, and more conſtant in our obedience to thy holy will, through our Lord Ieſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer before Meate.

OLord bleſſe theſe thy Creatures which thou haſt giuen vs for our bodily ſuſtenance, to the maintenance of our ſtrength and health, make vs by them the better able for thy ſeruice, and the workes of our calling, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A thankes-giuing after meat.

WE giue thee thankes moſt mercifull Father, for theſe thy creatures, wherewith thou haſt now refreſhed our weake bodies, beſeeching thee to furniſh vs with food conuenient for vs, and to make vs alwaies thankful to thee for the ſame, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

An Euening Prayer.

ALmightie and moſt mercifull father, we thanke thee vnfainedly for all thy fauours vouchſafed to vs this day paſt, in our health and nouriſhment, and in thy powerfull defence from all danger of body and ſoule: we beſeech thee to watch ouer vs this night, and to giue vs ſuch comfortable reſt, that wee may bee thereby refreſhed, and enabled to the duties, and labours of our calling: forgiue we pray thee to vs, all the ſinnes of the day paſt: ſuffer vs not to bee ouer-come with drowſineſſe, nor dulneſſe in thy ſeruice, but that ſleeping or waking wee may bee ready for thee; and ſo direct vs by thy good ſpirit, that we may be more carefull in the day following, to ſerue and pleaſe thee, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

19090

A Prayer to bee vſed in a time of danger, by Stormes, and Tempeſts at Sea.

GRatious God to whom all creatures ſtoope, and obey thy will, who ruleſt the raging of the ſea, and calmeſt the ſurges thereof when they ariſe, wee thy diſtreſſed children, beſeech thee to haue mercy vpon vs, to forgiue vs all our ſinnes, and to remoue this preſent danger from vs: Wee haue none in heauen but thee, and wee haue none on earth, whom wee eſteeme in compariſon of thee: Thou art our refuge againſt the ſtormy wind, and the tempeſt, ſpeake thou the word, and our ſoules ſhall liue, viſit vs with thy louing kindneſſe, defend vs with thy power, ſay vnto the windes, be ſtill, and to the ſeas, ſtay heere your proud waues; let our liues, and goods be pretious in thy ſight. Thou haſt commanded vs to ſeeke thee in the day of our trouble, and thou haſt promiſed to heare the prayers of the diſtreſſed, ariſe O Lord, and helpe now, that we may know that it is thy hand; if thou helpeſt not, our ſoules ſhall dwell in ſilence

lence: Haſt thee O Lord to helpe vs, O Lord make no long tarrying, O Lord heare vs, and deliuer vs for thy mercies ſake: And whatſoeuer become of our bodies, wee beſeech thee to prepare our ſoules for death and iudgement, that whenſoeuer they ſhall depart from our bodies, they may reſt in the glory of thy choſen, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

A Thankeſ-giuing for deliuerance from the former danger of tempeſt and foule weather.

O Lord our deliuerer, who haſt brought vs againe from the graue of death, and hauing onely ſhewed vs our deſtruction, haſt redeemed vs from it: by the power of thy great mercy, thou Lord haſt changed our feare into reioycing, and turned our groanings into praiſes of thy name; thou haſt ſaued our liues, and refreſhed vs with thy mercies; O Lord receiue from vs the remaine of our liues which thou haſt preſerued, and ſanctifie them to thy ſeruice, and to the obedience of thy will heere, and crowne them with eternall life with the, in the Kingdome of thy glory, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord: *Amen.*

19095

A Prayer in danger of the enemie.

O Lord the preſeruer of all, that put their truſt in thee, wee beſeech thee to ſaue vs from the hands of our enemies, protect vs from the power of the cruell man, giue vs not a prey to them that ſeeke our liues to deſtroy them, and our goods to poſſeſſe them: Wee confeſſe that our ſinnes haue deſerued to bee chaſtiſed with roddes, but O Lord we pray thee to take the matter into thine owne hand, for with thee there is mercy, and in thy rod there is correction, but not deſtruction to thy ſeruants; O Lord ſet not vp the right hand of our enemies, and make not our aduerſaries to reioyce: Wee humbly commit our bodies and ſoules into thy hands, for we know whom we haue truſted, and thou doſt not faile them that depend on thee: Heare vs O Lord our deliuerer, and haue mercy vpon vs for Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, our onely Lord and Sauiour, *Amen.*

A Thankeſ-giuing for deliuerance from the former danger of the enemie.

O Lord our Fortreſſe, and defence againſt our enemies, which ſought our deſtruction, we confeſſe that our ſinnes haue iuſtly deſerued, that thou ſhouldſt haue forſaken vs in our greateſt feare, & danger, but thou haſt exalted thy mercy aboue all our iniquities, and haſt giuen vs thy ſheild to couer vs in the day of our battell, thy ſtrength hath magnified it ſelfe in our weakenes, and thy right hand hath done valiantly; we humbly acknowledge our duty to thee, and offer vnto thee a ſacrifice of Thankeſ-giuing for our deliuerance and victory, beſeeching thee to fill vs with thy praiſe all the daies of our life, to the glory of thy name, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

A Prayer to bee vſed aboard in any viſitation, by infectious ſickneſſe.

FAther of mercies, and Lord of life, to whom alſo belong the iſſues of death, wee thy children acknowledge againſt our

19090

our ſelues, that it is thy hand which puniſheth vs in our health with ſickneſſe, and it is our ſin that deſerueth this, and a greater iudgement to bee inflicted vpon vs, O Lord heale our ſoules, for we haue ſinned againſt thee, heale our bodies which haue beene the inſtruments of ſin, and the weapons of vnrighteouſneſſe; command thy deſtroying Angell to hold his hand, and reſtore vs againe to the cheerefull light of thy countenance. Clenſe the corruptions of our defiled ſoules, and repaire the decaies of our enfeebled bodies, turne our ſorrow into ioy, our ſickneſſe into health; and that mercy may neuer forſake vs, turne all our ſinne into obedience of thy will, and if thou haue now appointed vs for death, prepare our ſoules we pray thee for that remoue, and ſeaſon vs for a better life, that wee may cheereſully embrace death, and willingly forſake this world to dwell with thee in life euerlaſting, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

A Thankeſ-giuing for deliuerance from infectious ſickeneſſe.

WEe thy humble, and vnworthy ſeruants, moſt mercifull Father, whom thou haſt preſerued and ſpared in this great and dangerous viſitation, do thankfully praiſe thy name for this mercy,

confeſſing, and beleeuing, that thou onely haſt ſaued vs, & defended vs; thou haſt viſited vs gratiouſly, and corrected vs iuſtly, but thou haſt not deliuered vs ouer vnto death: O Lord make vs more and more thankefull to thee for our liues, and obedient in the whole courſe of them to thy holy will: Preſerue our bodies in health againſt all ſickneſſe, and diſeaſe, and our ſoules in holineſſe againſt the infection and dominion of ſin, that we may ſerue thee in all humble obedience to the end of our life through Ieſus Chriſt, our Lord: *Amen.*

A Prayer for their friends at home, to be vſed by them who aduenture their owne perſons to Sea.

ALmighty God, who ruleſt all things by thy power, and wiſedome, and in whoſe ſight all the inhabitants of the round world do walke: We thy ſeruants, diuided for a time from our deereſt friends, to follow the buſineſſe of our lawfull Calling, do yet moſt humbly call vpon thee for them: Bleſſe, O Lord, our naturall parents, our wiues and children, our kinred, and allyance, all our friends, and acquaintance; preſerue them in the true faith of thy Goſpell,

1909D

in the health of their perſons, in the loue of their neighbours, in the buſineſſes of their Callings, in all their waies direct and proſper them. Heare their prayers for vs, and our prayers for them, and grant vs a comfortable and happy meeting againe in our owne Land, that wee may ioyne together in the praiſing and glorifying of thy name through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, *Amen.*

A Prayer to bee vſed aboard, for the Aduenturers and Owners at home.

MErciſull Father, wee thy ſeruants, employed in the goods of other men, to get the neceſſaries of our owne liues, do beſeech thy bleſſing vpon the owners and aduenturers thereof vnder our labour and charge: O Lord God of our maiſters, we beſeech thee to ſend vs good ſpeed in this voyage, proſper their affaires in our hands, that we may know that thou haſt ſhewed them mercy, & let their holy prayers be acceptable with thee, and effectuall vpon vs: direct and bleſſe them in all their vndertakings, and returne their aduentures to them with plentifull encreaſe, to the praiſe of thy goodneſſe, & mercy, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A thankes-giuing for a faire Wind.

GRacious God, we thy vnworthy ſeruants do confeſſe to thy glory, that by thy fauour to vs, thy creatures doe vs ſeruice, the winde and weather aboue vs, and the ſeas vnder vs, obey thy word and holy will to proſper our voyage: we humbly thank thee for this fauour; and we bleſſe thy name with the honor due vnto it: we beſeech thee to teach vs alſo by the example of our fellow-creatures, to learne obedience to thy will, that our vnderſtanding, reaſon and religion, wherein we excell theſe vnliuely creatures, be not loſt in vs; but as wee in many things are more excellent then they, ſo eſpecially we may exceed them in the maine end of our creation, which is to doe thee ſeruice and honour in the obedience of thy will, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord heare our prayers,
And let our cry come to thee.

FINIS.